



Dear Lord Bonomy

I am a hill farmer within the Scottish Borders. I am responsible for a large acreage running a large number of sheep. Foxes predate lambs and I use all methods to control their numbers.

The local hunt is one such method, they flush foxes to guns with a full pack of hounds and I believe it to be very effective.

Up here in the border hills foxes live in any form of cover and sometimes high out on the hills, in all weather. A pack of hounds are a very effective method of locating the foxes, then flushing to guns.

There is such a huge area of cover that rifles are just not as effective, and with the public around, not as safe.

The hunt also supplies a call out service at lambing time, able to come out at short notice, locate and flush problem foxes which are predated young lambs.

All fox control undertaken by the hunt is carried out on foot and bikes as the terrain is not suitable for horses.

As a hill farmer who has suffered fox predation, I would very much like to see this method of fox control continue.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ian Bernard